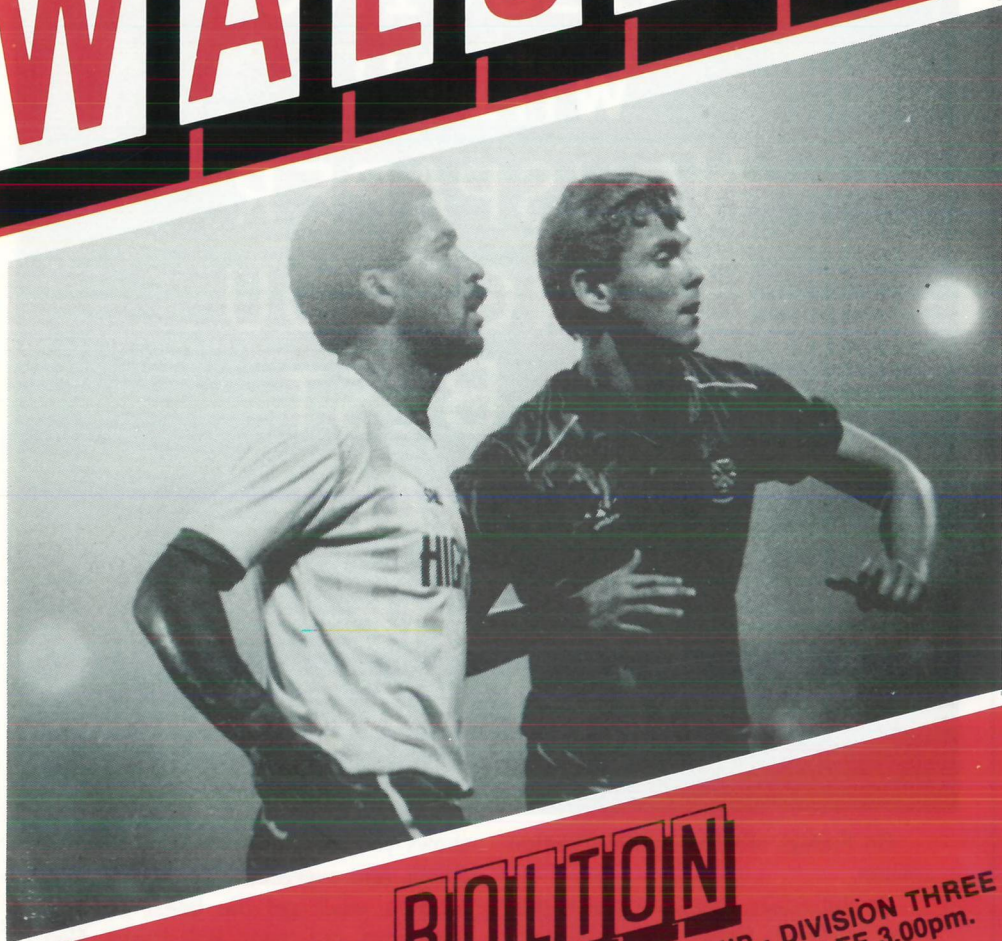




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UP FRONT

Well today we play our first game in a new competition, well at least the Football League have a new sponsor, but you'll find more about that later in this programme.

We must of course first concern ourselves with people who sponsor our club, and indeed the response we have received from the "Sponsor the Players Kit" has been superb, only a few spaces now remain so contact Roy Whalley as soon as possible if you are interested.

Today's mascot is **Christopher Baker** from Great Wyrley, we seem to have a lot of support in that area, and he is 9 years-old on October 14th. His sponsor for today is **Steve Tone Engineering, Lower High Street, Wednesbury**. We do of course thank them for their support and hope they have an enjoyable afternoon.

Continuing with our entertainment, both before the game and at half-time with today's Jazz Band being from the Beechdale Estate, Walsall -the **Walsall Visionaires** we hope that you enjoy their playing, and indeed we hope that you are enjoying this form of entertainment at each game this season.

We must congratulate Pat Dolan, who has been selected to play for the Republic of Ireland against Scotland in an Under 21 game at Dundalk on 14th October, we hope that Pat has a good trip and most of all a good game.

We have a "**Meet the Player**" evening on Wednesday October 15th next in the Vice-Presidents Club, and while admission is free, it is of course limited to those who have tickets, if you wish to obtain one, contact Roy Whalley at the Club's Offices.

Stand tickets for the second leg of our Littlewoods Cup-tie at Millwall next Tuesday October 14th are available at the Club Offices priced £5.00. the kick off time is 7.30pm.

It is sad to have to record the tragic death of a very loyal supporter of Walsall Football Club, that of Clifford Howells 11 Round Oak Road, Wednesbury who passed away on Sunday 28th September, aged 41. Clifford leaves his wife Valerie and 6 year-old son Oliver. A Walsall supporter for 37 years, we offer our deepest sympathy to his family from all at Fellows Park, the Directors, Players and Staff.

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OUR VISITORS

Though the memory of that 8-1 defeat at Bolton three seasons ago still remains it is also a fact that they have not scored on any of their last three visits here. What's more they come here today just two points in front of us, while we have a game in hand.

They began life as Christ Church FC in 1874 and after a dispute about holding meetings in the Sunday School in the absence of the vicar they sought another ground and so long did they spend looking for a permanent abode that they became known as the Wanderers. They were one of the twelve original members of the Football League in 1888 and they had four short spells in Division Two before starting a 24-year spell there just after moving to their present ground Burnden Park in 1911.

In both 1920/1 and 1924/5 they finished runners-up in the Championship table and really came good in the FA Cup with Wembley wins over West Ham United in 1923, Manchester City in 1926 and Portsmouth in 1929. The thirties saw them spending two more seasons in Division Two, but they were back in Division One with a good young side by the time war broke out.

Three England forwards in Nat Lofthouse, Bobby Langton and Harold Hassell emerged just after the war together with versatile Malcolm Barrass, but the nearest they came to a major honour was another FA Cup final appearances in 1953 when an injury to Eric Bell turned the game Blackpool's way.

They did however win the FA Cup in 1958 against a Manchester United side hastily put together after the Munich tragedy. Soon Wanderers were in decline, however, and 1964 saw them back in Division Two. They even slipped to Division Three for the first time ever in 1973, but a flourish under Jimmy Armfield and Ian Greaves saw them back in Division One in 1978. Two years later they were back in Division Two however and after two narrow escapes they slipped into Division Three again in 1983.

They have finished 10th, 17th and 18th respectively in the last three seasons. Last season they took only two points from their first four games and never really achieved any consistency either under John McGovern or under Phil Neal, who replaced him in November. One of their best performances was a 3-1 win at Wigan in March which effectively robbed their Lancashire neighbours of promotion.

THIS SEASON

So far this season they have picked up just one away point from a draw at Bournemouth, while at home they have beaten Darlington and Port Vale, lost to Swindon Town and Chesterfield and, last week, drawn with Notts County.

Tony Caldwell (remember his five goals against us) has taken his tally of League goals past the 50 mark, while ex-Hyde United man **George Oghani** is off the mark in his third season and our striker from last season **Steve Elliott** has also found the net. Midfielders are **Warren Joyce** (ex-Everton) and home-grown **Steve Thompson**, while former Leeds United and Carlisle United man **Mark Gavil** has also filled that role.

In defence **Mark Came** was recruited from Winsford two years ago and lines up in the centre with local lad **John Darby**, while YTS recruit **Mark Winstanley** partners manager **Phil Neal** who is now approaching his 700th League game in a career that began with Northampton in 1968 before winning 52 England caps while with Liverpool.

In goal **Mick Salmon** was signed during the close season from Stockport County where he had three good seasons as first choice after moving to them from Blackburn Rovers. Other who may come into the reckoning include young defender - **Jim Phillips**, ex-Plymouth Argyle, Reading and Huddersfield Town campaigner **David Sutton** and **Asa Hartford** who came back into the team last weekend and had the bad luck to get an own goal.

Geoff Allman.

BOLTON

SIMON FARNWORTH - Goalkeeper.
Simon made his debut at the beginning of season 1983/4 against Wimbledon and he is now in his fourth season with Bolton after coming through the junior ranks and also representing England schoolboys.

MIKE SALMON - Goalkeeper.
Mike joined the club this summer from Stockport County for £18,000 after the fee had been set by a tribunal and made his League debut for the Wanderers against Swindon Town on the opening day of this season.

PHIL NEAL - Defender.
Former England and Liverpool defender who has made over 700 League appearances has now joined Bolton as Player/Manager after having eleven very successful seasons with Liverpool.

JIMMY PHILLIPS - Defender.
Another product of the Wanderers youth scheme this local-born defender has made most of his appearances at left back although he has appeared in the centre and midfield when required.

MARK CAME - Defender.
Joined Bolton from Winsford United in April 1984, a solid defender who made his League debut in September two years ago and has been a regular with the first team ever since.

JULIAN DARBY - Defender.
Local-born Julian, a youngster who came on the scene last season making his debut against Blackpool last March, and he can also play in midfield.

DAVE SUTTON - Defender.
Joined Bolton from Huddersfield Town in the summer of last year for a fee of £12,000 after being a member of the Leeds Road side's two promotion-winning teams after previously moving from Plymouth where he started his career.

DEREK SCOTT - Defender.
The most versatile player in the Bolton squad, this former England Schoolboy international, who hails from Gateshead, played in almost every position during his 11 seasons with Burnley after making his debut with them in Division One. He joined them in June 1985 for a £20,000 fee and he is currently on his way back, after an injury to his chest in the opening game of the season.

MARK WINSTANLEY - Defender.
In his first season as a regular member of the Wanderers senior squad, the young central defender made his League debut at Bournemouth in March last season.

BOLTON WANDERERS - THE LAST TEN YEARS

	Div	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pos
76/7-2	42	20	11	11	74	54	51	4
77/8-2	42	24	10	8	63	33	58	1
78/9-1	42	12	11	19	54	75	35	17
79/8-1	42	5	15	22	38	73	25	22
80/1-2	42	14	10	18	61	66	38	18
81/2-2	42	13	7	22	39	61	46	19
82/3-2	42	11	11	20	42	61	44	22
83/4-3	46	18	10	18	56	60	64	10
84/5-3	46	16	6	24	69	75	54	17
85/6-3	46	15	8	23	54	68	53	18

ASA HARTFORD - Midfield.
Capped 50 times for Scotland, Asa joined Bolton in the summer of 1985 from Norwich, for whom he scored the winning goal in the Milk Cup Final that season. Asa was Bolton's only ever-present last season which shows he is still an influence in the midfield. This former West Bromwich Albion, Manchester City, Everton and Nottingham Forest star in now Bolton's captain.

WARREN JOYCE - Midfield.
this enthusiastic, energetic all-rounder is in his fifth season in the Bolton first team after making his League debut at Carlisle United in a Second Division game in April 1983. He has won representative honours as a schoolboy at cricket and rugby before soccer won him over.

STEVE THOMPSON - Midfield.
Steve graduated through the Bolton junior ranks and for the past three seasons has been a regular first-teamer. Steve, who has a powerful shot, is the penalty taker for the club.

MARK GAVIN - Midfield.
Phil Neal's first 'buy' in April 1986 when Wanderers paid Carlisle United a small fee for this speedy winger who previously had been with Leeds United.

GEORGE OGHANI - Striker.
Another former non-league signing, joining Bolton from Hyde United in October 1983. He made his League debut at Wimbledon in January 1984 and has always been to the fore when goal scoring has been the order of the day.



BOLTON WANDERERS - SEASON 1986/7.

Back Row - left to right, Mark Came; Mike Salmon; Kevin Malley; Simon Farnworth; Jimmy Phillips.
Middle Row - Steve Carroll (Youth team coach); Steve Thompson; Mark Winstanley; George Oghani; Steve Elliott; Dave Sutton; Warren Joyce; Paul Clarke; Colin Irwin (Coach); Peter Nightingale (Physiotherapist).
Front Row - Paul Allen; Julian Darby; Mark Gavin; Phil Neal (Player/Manager); Derek Scott; Tony Caldwell; Asa Hartford.

STEVE ELLIOTT - Striker.

Today we shall see one of our former target men in action against us, as Steve needs little introduction to the Fellows Park fans. He of course joined Bolton for a fee of £25,000 in the close season. He had previously joined us from Luton Town after joining them for a £95,000 fee from Preston North End after being an apprentice with Nottingham Forest.

TONY CALDWELL - Striker.

Remember September 1983 when Tony scored five goals in our 8-1 defeat at Bolton, and indeed Tony has always been on the goal trail since joining Bolton from non-league Horwich as a part-timer.



Steve Thompson

Star Manager

Though his spells as manager of Leeds United and Bolton were not the most successful parts of his long career in the game Jimmy Armfield maintained in difficult circumstances the quality of industry and integrity that characterised his long playing career and now enables him to be one of the most respected Radio and TV soccer pundits.

Born in Denton, near Manchester in 1915, Jimmy's family moved to Blackpool where he went to a rugby playing school, but emerged as a fine scholar, a captain of cricket and athletics champion. He also played football for St.Peters Youth Club where the Blackpool manager spotted his high promise as a right winger. Joe persuaded him to go to Bloomfield Road and to leave on one side his chosen career as a schoolteacher for the time being.

On Christmas Day 1954 Jimmy made his first team debut in a 2-2 draw against Portsmouth in Division One. By this time he was playing at left back. In 1957 he was capped for the England Under-23's and soon he was captaining them. May 1959 saw him winning the first of his 43 full caps against Brazil in Rio and then after swopping over to right back he captained his country from 1961 to 1964.

He lost his England place to George Cohen, but was still in the squad for the 1966 World Cup success. Though Blackpool were relegated in 1967 Jimmy led them back to Division One in 1970. After 568 League games he retired in 1971 and took over as manager of Bolton Wanderers after Jimmy Meadows had departed and Nat Lofthouse had had a short spell as caretaker. He led them out of Division Three in 1972/3 and they were back in the middle of Division Two when he left to take over the troubled Leeds scene from Brian Clough.

He lifted them to fifth position in Division One in 1975/6 and they were still in the top ten when he was replaced by Jock Stein in 1978. Even during his playing days he had been a successful newspaper columnist and his mature balanced comments both in print and on the air are still appreciated by fans.

WALSALL v BOLTON

Home _ Away

Division Two.

1899/1900

2-2

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Division Three.

1971/2

1-1

1-0

1972/3

3-2

1-0

1983/4

3-2

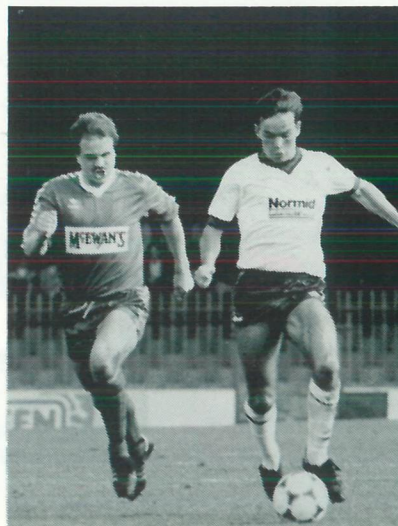
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1984/5

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Mark Gavin.



SOCCER SCENE

Not many surprises in Tuesday's Littlewoods Cup-ties with Liverpool taking their tally to thirteen goals in two legs against Fulham and Everton taking their tally to nine goals in two legs against Newport County. Steve McMahon contributed five of the Liverpool goals. Oddly enough between the two legs Everton had scored only once in three games.

Wayne Clarke took his goal tally this season to nine in helping Birmingham City through their Cup-tie against Middlesbrough 5-4 on aggregate after extra time. This was the first defeat of any kind for Boro this season and it came in extra time of their thirteenth game. They are of course still unbeaten in ten League games as are Plymouth Argyle, Cambridge United and Exeter City. No team is still without a win though Hartlepool, Stockport, Crewe, Carlisle, Rotherham, Barnsley, Grimsby, Chelsea, Charlton and of course Walsall are still without home wins.

A brave effort by Preston North End in the Littlewoods Cup ended at West Ham

despite the fact that at half-time North End were still 2-2 on aggregate. Tony Cottee's hat-trick was his second of the season for the 'Hammers'.

Another consistent goalscorer is Rochdale's Steve Taylor. His sixth of the season enabled 'Dale' to hold Watford to a 3-2 aggregate, but the triumph of the round as far as Division Three and Four are concerned was Cambridge United's win over Wimbledon in a game that went to a penalty shoot-out. Though both clubs are relative newcomers to the Football League, last season saw them poles apart with Cambridge seeking re-election, while Wimbledon went up to Division One, but this time it was Cambridge who took the honours. Mark Cooper's goal that helped them to a draw in normal time was his seventh of the season, and he was released at one stage last season before being resigned.

What a difference a cup competition can make. Derby County beat West Bromwich Albion 6-1 on aggregate in the cup despite the fact that a few days earlier they had

gone down 2-0 at The Hawthorns in a League game. Former Gresley Rovers man Phil Gee got the only goal of the game in last Tuesday's second leg.

Though they finally went down 7-1 on aggregate Port Vale gave their 10,000 gate an exciting game at Vale Park this week and it was interesting to see prolific young striker Andy Jones in his second season, having the coolness to slot home a penalty against United.

Just over two years ago John Aldridge made his debut for Oxford United in a Third Division game at Walsall. Since then he has averaged almost two goals every three games and as a First Division striker this season he has netted eight goals to date including the one in Tuesday's draw at Gillingham that put the Gills out 7-1 on aggregate. At least the Gills are still unbeaten at home in League and cup this season.

Geoff Allman.

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Walsall Observer



The Board of Directors have awarded Kenny Mower a Testimonial during the current season in recognition of his nine years service as a player to Walsall Football Club.

Born in Bloxwich it would have been hard to think of Kenny Mower joining any other club as Walsall itself has been Kenny's life. He attended Green Rock Junior School and even then revealed his footballing talents, but in those early days Kenny was a free scoring centre-forward in his school side. He then moved to T.P.Riley School and from 1972-1977 played a key role in their sides moving back from his striking role to that of mid-field and then finally to left back, his position today. He was chosen to represent the Walsall Schools side at every level and then in the mid-70's he played in the Walsall Junior Youth League for Lower Farm and Streetly along with other players who have made League sides including Martyn Bennett for WBA and Lee Jenkins, Aston Villa.

The next move was to Deeley's Castings in the Walsall Minor League and the manager of that team at that time was Gordon Hateley, who Kenny feels had a key role in his soccer career. In fact Gordon persuaded the then Walsall Chief Scout, Ron Jukes, to watch young Mower playing at that time in midfield again.

An impressive trial offer was made to Kenny who first pulled on a Walsall shirt in a West Midland League game playing alongside David Preece and Gary Shelton, Dave Mackay, the Walsall manager at that time soon saw that Kenny had potential and offered him apprentice terms.

1977/8 saw him a regular member of the Intermediate League side. Dave Mackay left the club and Kenny then, still in the reserves playing under managers Alan Ashman and Frank Sibley, and then in season 1978/9 when we went down to Division Four, Kenny made his Football League debut in our final Division Three game against Rotherham United which we lost 4-1. However, from that day onwards, he became a regular member of the Saddlers lineup helping us to win promotion the following season and his first League goal came in the 2-0 victory at Tranmere Rovers that clinched promotion.

Kenny was not however an immediate favourite with the Fellows Park crowd and had to face more than a fair share of criticism, he did thankfully for us overcome this and with his never-say-die attitude, his long loping

strides along the left and his thoughts of his earlier years as a striker taking him into the opposing penalty area, has now made him a very firm favourite with the supporters.

Looking at memorable matches, Kenny lists the 1-0 win over Sheffield United at the end of 1980/1 season which sent down United and not ourselves. The victory

at Arsenal and the two semi-final games with Liverpool in that marvellous Milk Cup run of season 1983/4, although losing to Liverpool when being so close to Wembley is the most disappointing moments for Kenny.

Have you enjoyed it here, Kenny was asked, "yes, after the first few years when the crowd was on my back were over" said Kenny, "but I think I have won them over now. I always attend prize-giving functions, mix with people in the town, always talk to supporters when we are shopping in Walsall, really I'm a local kid, who has achieved his dream, that of playing for his hometown club, and the locals can

KENNY MOWER TESTIMONIAL SEASON



Kenny, with his wife Karen and daughter Sarah.

identify me with the club" he then added.

His private life is a very happy one, married to local girl Karen with 20-month-old Sarah running their lives, and we're told there is an addition on the way to the Short Heath home. He likes a game of snooker as well as a round of golf, but like any true sportsman, likes to win.

An interesting note made by Kenny on Managers at Fellows Park, is that one who has made the most influence on his development is Gary Pendrey, I was always nervous before a game, but Gary taught me how to calm down. He has however, no interest in going into management himself, although he would like to manage a Sports Centre, and watching how Kenny trains, you can be sure that you would be fit if you ever visited one he ran.

There will during the season be a number of events which Kenny and his committee will be holding to help his Testimonial Fund grow, and we hope to bring you these within the pages of the programme, but you can also help, and if you want to organize functions for him, contact Roy Whalley at Fellows Park, or Jim McDonald on 021 360 2273 [evenings only] so that it can be made official and the Testimonial Committee give you their support. Contributions can also be made to:- The Kenny Mower Testimonial Fund, The Midland Bank plc., The Bridge, Walsall, Account No. 61284053, with cheques/money/postal orders being made to that fund.

We hope you will give Kenny your support this season, we could not have had a player with any more dedication to Walsall Football Club than he has shown in the past nine years.

TALKING PROGRAMMES

with Steve Davies

September's edition of Programme Monthly contained a number of items of interest to the Walsall collector, the largest item is a look at Gatesheads last home match programme as a League club when the visitors unfortunately for collectors here, happened to be Walsall. The front cover is reproduced and there is also a look inside the programme. An expensive item if you can ever track one down.

I was also sorry to read of the sad demise of Hurley Daw Mill in a brief item entitled "Hold onto your Hurleys" in which the writer informs us that very few programmes were issued by this club and will no doubt be hard to obtain in the future. As many of you will know, they produced a programme against us last season in the Birmingham Senior Cup Round 2 on 12th October 1985. The editorial from this programme is worth recalling, it read as follows:- Welcome this afternoon to our illustrious guests from the Football League, Walsall FC. No-one in their wildest dreams would have thought that we would ever entertain a team from the League and it is with great pleasure that we welcome their players and officials to our ground". The club was only formed in 1974 so our visit was probably the highpoint of their existence, and I may add they had, or still have, a nice ground with a very good stand.

Another programme was added to my wants list with the confirmation that an 8-paged programme was issued for Walsall's visit to Bedworth United on 21st August 1969, so as you see there is plenty of interesting articles for the programme collector in Programme Monthly, priced at £1.00 and it's available in limited supply at the Club Shop on the Wallows Lane car park, near to the first Saturday each month.

Welcome back to colour could be the statement down at Carrow Road. Norwich played in Division Two last season and the programme suffered from a lack of colour photographs, but back in Division One this season the colour

has returned. For the visit of Southampton their programme was a 24-larged-page programme priced at 60p an increase of 10p.

6½pages contain advertisements, the front cover has yellow and green border with a colour action photograph in the middle about three other pages contain colour photographs. Page two has the club news and page three manager Ken Browns comments. On four is headed Double Top and contains ½page from team captain Steve Bruce and ½page from club captain David Williams. A page looks at the clubs player of the month awards. A double page feature entitled "From the Bench", has columns from 1st team coach Mel Machin, reserve team boss Dave Stringer and youth team boss Keith Webb, plus the reserve team fixtures. Southampton the visitors get two pages including pen pictures and a ½page black and white photograph of the team. The middle pages contain colour action photographs set out as if on a roll of film something I particularly like. the club Chairman has a page and an interesting colour advert shows Ken Brown with his arm around a Kangaroo! Never fear Fosters the Aussie Lager company are Norwich's shirt sponsors this season.¾page looks back at 5, 10 and 15 years before, then ½page contains a quiz. The teams are on the back page. As a First Division programme it's fairly good but some of the type seems rather large a characteristic of large page sized programmes from lower division clubs, but it seems that Maybank Programmes go in for this style and it's an easy way to fill a programme.

Another First Division club, Q.P.R. also produce a 24paged programme priced at 60p. Two pages only contain advertisements for the visit of Watford earlier this season, so these number of "ad pages" is rather good. Including the front cover four pages contain full colour photographs. The first of these on page 3 contain

photographs of the Rangers close season tour of America. Bush Telegraph amongst other things explains about the programme price increase from 50p to 60p. The club apparently ballotted the fans giving a number of alternatives regarding this season's programme and a 10p increase was the result. It also reminds everyone that Chelsea charge 70p. Spurs 80p and Luton and Wimbledon £1.00. Rangers production is still one of the cheapest in London. Even at 60p they say they cannot cover costs and plan special "Souvenir Programmes" at extra cost for selected games when a large away following is expected, one wonders how we produce such a programme for the cost. Page four contains an article by a Sports Journalist looking somewhat predictably at the World Cup. Another page contains ticket information and prices of Division One clubs. Chelsea's best seats cost £11.00 per match, Spurs £10.00 and Wimbledon £9.00, while Oxford is the most expensive place to stand at £4.50, closely followed by Chelsea at £4.00. It's an expensive game this First Division football! Dennis Signy takes a look behind the scenes with general club news, Tony Pullen takes a look at Watford, the visitors, including current form and pointers. The club statistician contributes an interesting page on previous Rangers v Watford games. The middle two pages contain small black & white photo's of all Rangers squad with full details. A page looks at 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years before with a crossword finishing the page. A letters feature covers a page and a full page carries an interview with visiting manager Graham Taylor who shares his thoughts on the game. the A-Z of QPR covers another page and "Star Shot" contains a full page black and white photograph of Gary Bannister. Then a page of colour photographs look back at a recent open day at The Bush. Statistics take up two more pages with the team lineups on the back



and include brief pen pictures and a very small black and white photograph. Rangers have stuck with their own unique format again this season which I personally find very refreshing after all the others which have a "sameness" about them. The attractive touch of colour and a lot of interesting reading is first class, it may not prove to be the best in the division but a first class production never the less.

Turning our attention North of the Border for the first time this season, we look at The Don -Aberdeen's programme for their short visit to European soccer, in the Cup Winners Cup 1st round game against Sion of Switzerland. A 24paged programme priced at 50p with eight pages of adverts. Three pages are in colour including an action picture on the front cover. There are also black and white action shots on page two but page three has the best managers' column I've seen for a long time. There is also Supporters Club News but only 1½pages are devoted to the visitors including club background and pen pictures. A "Memory Match" feature looks back at a match from yesteryear and covers about ¾page. The reserves get almost a page and it's interesting to note that due to the Dons chronic injury problems reserve goalkeeper Brian Gunn lined up at centre forward, switching to centre half after a sending off! Nothing like versatility. Another article - Around Aberdeen, takes in general club news. The team lineups unusually are on the middle pages. A page South of the Border looks at Scots in the Football League.

Des Bremner of Birmingham City providing a midland link. The club statistics take up two pages as does a player profile on Willie Miller including a full page photograph in colour completes a good programme with good reading and an attractive splash of colour and know doubt at 50p it is good value and could teach the top of the English League a few pointers.

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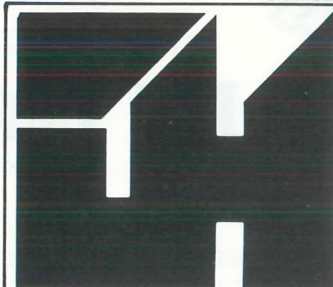
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Centenary Countdown

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Aug	31	Southend	A	1-3	Dec	28	Southend	H	2-2
Sept	4	Torquay United	A	0-2	Jan	4	Q.P.R.	A	0-1
	7	Q.P.R.	H	0-2		11	Liverpool (FAC Rd3)	A	2-5
	9	Mansfield Town	H	0-0		15	Bournemouth	A	2-3
	14	Leyton Orient	A	0-1		18	Leyton Orient	H	3-1
	18	Mansfield Town	A	1-1		25	Ipswich	A	1-2
	21	Ipswich	H	4-2	Feb	1	Watford	H	1-3
	28	Watford	A	2-0	Mar	1	Brighton	A	0-2
Oct	5	Northampton	H	2-0		15	Port Vale	A	2-2
	12	Reading	H	2-2		22	Bristol City	H	3-0
	19	Aldershot	A	2-1		29	Swindon Town	A	1-4
	26	Brighton	H	1-1	April	4	Crystal Palace	A	1-1
Nov	2	Exeter City	A	2-2		5	Bournemouth	H	3-0
	9	Port Vale	H	4-1		7	Crystal Palace	H	3-3
	16	Bristol City	A	2-1		8	Northampton	A	8-0
	23	Swindon	H	0-1		12	Cardiff City	A	0-2
	30	Leytonstone(FAC Rd1)	A	6-0		19	Norwich City	H	2-2
Dec	7	Cardiff City	H	2-3		26	Notts County	A	1-3
	14	Ipswich (FAC Rd2)	H	0-0	May	10	Aldershot	A	2-0
	18	Ipswich (FAC Rd2 R)	A	1-0		17	Norwich City	A	2-0
	21	Notts County	H	2-0		24	Exeter City	H	2-1
	25	Bristol Rovers	A	2-2		26	Reading	A	1-1
	26	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0		31	Torquay United	H	2-1

This was the first season of 'normal' football after the war and though we made a disastrous start with three successive defeats we got into our stride with a 4-2 win over Ipswich Town (Ken Kimberley's one and only game in goal) and soon we were playing six successive away games without defeat.

In the FA Cup we romped home at Leytonstone, were held to a draw against Ipswich, but then won at Portman Road with Doug Lishman getting the winner on his debut. This earned us a third round tie with Liverpool that attracted an 18,360 gate and we twice held the lead before going out 5-2. There were still a few highlights to come like the gate of 16,386 for the visit of promotion winners Cardiff City and the amazing 8-0 win at Northampton Town on Easter Tuesday that still stands as our biggest-ever away success. For the record Albert Mullard and Denis Wilshaw got three of the goals each and Doug Lishman the other two.

APPEARANCES:

Methley I.42; Newman A. 42; Lewis J. 41; Foulkes RE. 40; Skidmore W.39; Wilshaw D.35; Crutchley R. 33; Mullard A. 27; Davies K. 22; Lishman. D.22; Talbot L. 18; Brown W.18; Maund J.H.16 Walsh W.15; Darby D.15; Campbell J.8; Alsop G.7; Kelly, F.C.5; Robinson W.4; Walters H. 4; Shelton J.3; Vinall J. 2; Kimberley K.1; Horton L.1; Bincow E.1; Male N.1.

GOALSCORERS:

Wilshaw 18; Mullard 9; Lishman 8; Maund 6; Talbot 5; Darby 4; Davies 4; Brown 4; Skidmore 4; Walsh 3; Alsop 2; Kelly 2; Newman, Crutchley, Foulkes, Campbell and own goal, one each.

DIVISION THREE - SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cardiff City	42	30	6	6	93	30	66
Q.P.R.	42	23	11	8	74	40	57
Bristol City	42	20	11	11	94	56	51
Swindon Town	42	19	11	12	84	73	49
WALSALL	42	17	12	13	74	59	46
Ipswich Town	42	16	14	12	61	53	46
Bournemouth	42	18	8	16	72	54	44
Southend	42	17	10	15	71	60	44
Reading	42	16	11	15	83	74	43
Port Vale	42	17	9	16	68	63	43
Torquay United	42	15	12	15	52	61	42
Notts County	42	15	10	17	63	63	40
Northampton	42	15	10	17	72	75	40
Bristol Rovers	42	16	8	18	59	69	40
Exeter City	42	15	9	18	60	69	39
Watford	42	17	5	20	61	76	39
Brighton	42	13	12	17	54	72	38
Crystal Palace	42	13	11	18	49	62	37
Leyton Orient	42	12	8	22	54	75	32
Aldershot	42	10	12	20	48	78	32
Norwich City	42	10	8	24	64	100	28
Mansfield Town	42	9	10	23	48	96	28

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GOLDEN OLDIES

A Look Back in Time

BLOXWICH STROLLERS v WALSALL. - March 26th. 1953.

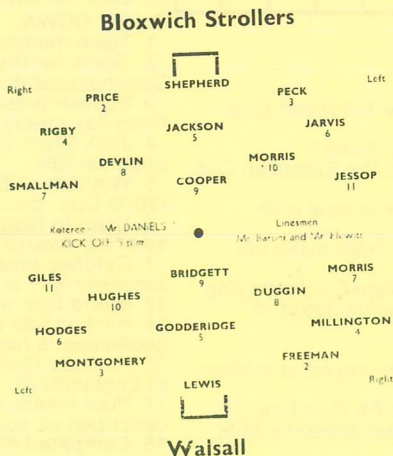
This was a Birmingham League game during the period in the fifties when Bloxwich Strollers made a brave but unsuccessful attempt to win a prominent place in Midland non-league football. During that period they met at their Red Lion Ground (now used by Blakenall F.C.) teams such as Stourbridge, Hednesford, Dudley Town and Halesowen Town, who have now moved up to the Southern League and the reserves or third teams of local Football League clubs have now left the competition.

This particular game was a first round Staffordshire Senior Cup tie, kicking off on a Thursday evening at 5.00pm, in those pre-floodlight days. Though it was virtually the reserve team that Walsall fielded all but Doug Hodges had had first team experience, while Bloxwich Strollers fielded three ex-Walsall players in Tom Peck, Johnny Devlin and Freddy Morris, plus Bill Jessop, who had had First Division experience with Preston North End.

The result was a 3-0 win for Walsall with a hat-trick from Freddy Morris, two of his shots being amongst the hardest local fans had seen.

Geoff Allman.

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE - - - MAR. 26th



Our Visitors.

To-night we welcome our neighbours from Walsall and although they are not enjoying the best of luck this season we are expecting a real "ding dong" match and may the bet or team win.

KNOW YOUR TEAM

No 14.

John Morris

John started as an amateur with Wolves, joining them from school, and stayed there 18 months before joining West Bromwich. He remained with Albion for five seasons, being a regular member of their Central League team. From W.B.A. he joined Walsall and unfortunately after nine games with the first team broke a leg. He has since played for Bilston, Dudley and Darlaston in the Birmingham Comb. before joining Strollers.

GOOD LUCK JOHN.

1st Team News

On Saturday last, at Oswestry, Strollers were defeated 6-0 but this score does not in the least represent the play; the home supporters complimented our lads on a grand performance and fine sportsmanship. Strollers however failed to make the most of their chance, but the home side were definitely the better side.

Supporters' News

The Grand National Draw took place on Monday Night and the names and numbers of winners will be published as soon as possible.

We hope to put the "Strollers Battle Song" in Saturday's programme.

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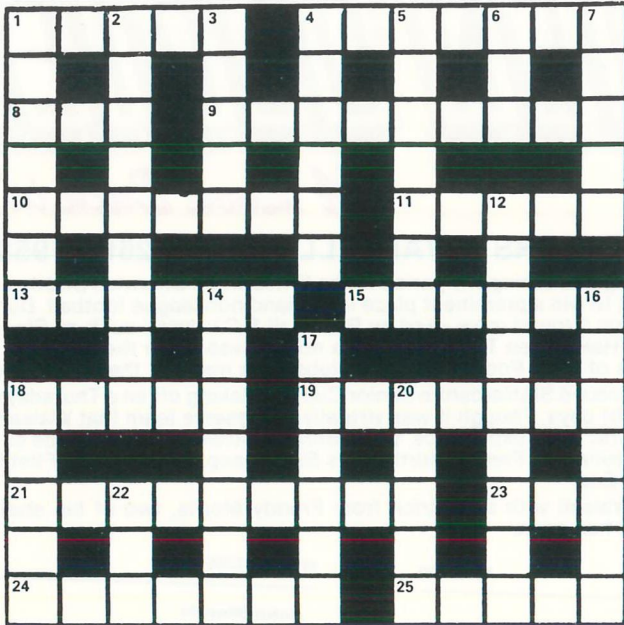
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X-Word

CLUES ACROSS.

1. Position, as in ball(5).
4. Pulled muscle can cause this(7).
8. Tree for golf course(3).
9. An attitude required by competitors(9).
10. Top English soccer club(7).
11. Top performers have it in abundance(5).
13. Sharp stomach pain brought on by running(6).
15. Moves quickly, possibly to avoid boxer's punch(6).
18. Italian soccer star(5).
19. A big-name signing does this to team's reputation(7).
21. Aberdeen are often this(9).
23. Torville and Dean made their name on it(3).
24. Settles by giving victory to one side(7).
25. Built for supporters(5).

CLUES DOWN.

1. Team members(7).
2. Sport for the Commonwealth Games(9).
3. Equestrianism has a three-day one(5).
4. Jock Stein or Bill Shankley?(6).
5. Winners of England's World Cup group(7).
6. Used to keep injury swelling down(3).
7. Catches breath in astonishment at skill(5).
12. World Cup winners(9).
14. Flicked ball over goalkeeper's head(7).
16. Famous football stand in England(4,3).
17. Poor losers may be described as such(6).
18. Competed(5).
20. Home countries in competitions(5).
22. Arsenal, perhaps (1,1,1).

Soccer Quiz

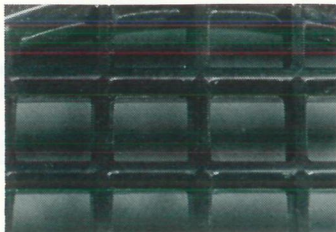
1. Who did Tom Finney play for in the European Cup when aged 40 ?
2. Who is the new manager of Dudley Town ?
3. Which Football League team are in the European Cup winners cup this season ?
4. Which former Tranmere goalkeeper is now with Carlisle United ?
5. In which season did Walsall's Ray Train make his Football League debut?
6. Which English international goalkeeper, now playing in Division One, made his Football League debut in Division Three in 1968/9 ?
7. Who is manager of Fulham ?
8. Which former Football League club played at Holkan Street?
9. Who captained Wolves in the 1960 FA Cup final ?
10. Who were the beaten finalists in last season's Milk Cup?

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Sporting Grid

Hidden in our Sporting Grid are eight words connected with Snooker. They are, WHITE; TABLE; DAVIS; CUE; THORNE; MASTERS; FRAME and POCKETS.

What is it ?





MILLWALL



Football League - Division 3
Littlewoods Cup

Alt	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253	254	255	256	257	258	259	260	261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	270	271	272	273	274	275	276	277	278	279	280	281	282	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292	293	294	295	296	297	298	299	300	301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310	311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320	321	322	323	324	325	326	327	328	329	330	331	332	333	334	335	336	337	338	339	340	341	342	343	344	345	346	347	348	349	350	351	352	353	354	355	356	357	358	359	360	361	362	363	364	365	366	367	368	369	370	371	372	373	374	375	376	377	378	379	380	381	382	383	384	385	386	387	388	389	390	391	392	393	394	395	396	397	398	399	400	401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409	410	411	412	413	414	415	416	417	418	419	420	421	422	423	424	425	426	427	428	429	430	431	432	433	434	435	436	437	438	439	440	441	442	443	444	445	446	447	448	449	450	451	452	453	454	455	456	457	458	459	460	461	462	463	464	465	466	467	468	469	470	471	472	473	474	475	476	477	478	479	480	481	482	483	484	485	486	487	488	489	490	491	492	493	494	495	496	497	498	499	500	501	502	503	504	505	506	507	508	509	510	511	512	513	514	515	516	517	518	519	520	521	522	523	524	525	526	527	528	529	530	531	532	533	534	535	536	537	538	539	540	541	542	543	544	545	546	547	548	549	550	551	552	553	554	555	556	557	558	559	560	561	562	563	564	565	566	567	568	569	570	571	572	573	574	575	576	577	578	579	580	581	582	583	584	585	586	587	588	589	590	591	592	593	594	595	596	597	598	599	600	601	602	603	604	605	606	607	608	609	610	611	612	613	614	615	616	617	618	619	620	621	622	623	624	625	626	627	628	629	630	631	632	633	634	635	636	637	638	639	640	641	642	643	644	645	646	647	648	649	650	651	652	653	654	655	656	657	658	659	660	661	662	663	664	665	666	667	668	669	670	671	672	673	674	675	676	677	678	679	680	681	682	683	684	685	686	687	688	689	690	691	692	693	694	695	696	697	698	699	700	701	702	703	704	705	706	707	708	709	710	711	712	713	714	715	716	717	718	719	720	721	722	723	724	725	726	727	728	729	730	731	732	733	734	735	736	737	738	739	740	741	742	743	744	745	746	747	748	749	750	751	752	753	754	755	756	757	758	759	760	761	762	763	764	765	766	767	768	769	770	771	772	773	774	775	776	777	778	779	780	781	782	783	784	785	786	787	788	789	790	791	792	793	794	795	796	797	798	799	800	801	802	803	804	805	806	807	808	809	810	811	812	813	814	815	816	817	818	819	820	821	822	823	824	825	826	827	828	829	830	831	832	833	834	835	836	837	838	839	840	841	842	843	844	845	846	847	848	849	850	851	852	853	854	855	856	857	858	859	860	861	862	863	864	865	866	867	868	869	870	871	872	873	874	875	876	877	878	879	880	881	882	883	884	885	886	887	888	889	890	891	892	893	894	895	896	897	898	899	900	901	902	903	904	905	906	907	908	909	910	911	912	913	914	915	916	917	918	919	920	921	922	923	924	925	926	927	928	929	930	931	932	933	934	935	936	937	938	939	940	941	942	943	944	945	946	947	948	949	950	951	952	953	954	955	956	957	958	959	960	961	962	963	964	965	966	967	968	969	970	971	972	973	974	975	976	977	978	979	980	981	982	983	984	985	986	987	988	989	990	991	992	993	994	995	996	997	998	999	1000
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November.
1-Chester City
8-A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH
10-Notts County
10-F.A. Cup 1
10-F.A. Cup 4
22-Young City
29-MANSFIELD TOWN
December.
6-F.A. Cup 2
13-DARLINGTON
20-Bury
26-NEWMPORT COUNTY
27-Bristol City
January.
1-Gillingham
3-Young City
10-Bristol Rovers
17-CHESTERFIELD
24-DONCASTER ROVERS
31-CARLISLE UNITED
February.
7-WIGAN ATHLETIC
21-PORT VALE
28-Fulham
March.
3-CHESTER CITY
7-Bristol City
14-MIDDLEBROUGH
17-Rotherham United
21-Bolton Wanderers
28-BLACKPOOL
April.
4-Notts County
11-A.F.C. Bournemouth
18-GILLINGHAM
20-Newport County
25-BURY
May.
2-Mansfield Town
9-Darlington
4-BRISTOL CITY
TBA - Swindon Town Home.
Home matches in BOLD TYPE.
Kick Offs Saturday 3.00pm.
Evenings 7.30pm.
Goal scorers in bold type.
* Substitute Used.

Football League - Division 3
Littlewoods Cup

Alt	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253	254	255	256	257	258	259	260	261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	270	271	272	273	274	275	276	277	278	279	280	281	282	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292	293	294	295	296	297	298	299	300	301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310	311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320	321	322	323	324	325	326	327	328	329	330	331	332	333	334	335	336	337	338	339	340	341	342	343	344	345	346	347	348	349	350	351	352	353	354	355	356	357	358	359	360	361	362	363	364	365	366	367	368	369	370	371	372	373	374	375	376	377	378	379	380	381	382	383	384	385	386	387	388	389	390	391	392	393	394	395	396	397	398	399	400	401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409	410	411	412	413	414	415	416	417	418	419	420	421	422	423	424	425	426	427	428	429	430	431	432	433	434	435	436	437	438	439	440	441	442	443	444	445	446	447	448	449	450	451	452	453	454	455	456	457	458	459	460	461	462	463	464	465	466	467	468	469	470	471	472	473	474	475	476	477	478	479	480	481	482	483	484
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MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

HOME KICK OFF · SATURDAY 10.45am.

August 1986	January 1987
23-Shrewsbury Town.....	3-West Bromwich Albion L.C.....
30-NOTTINGHAM FOREST.....	10-DERBY COUNTY.....
	17-West Bromwich Albion.....
6-Stoke City.....	24-SHREWSBURY TOWN.....
13-LEICESTER CITY.....	31-Birmingham City.....
20-Aston Villa.....	February
27-CHESTERFIELD.....	7-Coventry City.....
October	14-STOKE CITY.....
4-WOLVES.....	21-Wolves.....
11-Mansfield Town.....	28-ASTON VILLA.....
18-BIRMINGHAM CITY L.C.....	March
25-Port Vale L.C.....	7-NOTTS COUNTY.....
	14-Notttingham Forest.....
November	21-BIRMINGHAM CITY.....
1-ASTON VILLA L.C.....	28-Birmingham City.....
8-STOKE CITY L.C.....	April
15-Wolves L.C.....	4-Port Vale.....
22-PORT VALE.....	11-Chesterfield.....
29-Leicester City.....	18-Derby County.....
December	25-WEST BROMWICH ALBION.....
6-Shrewsbury Town L.C.....	May
13-Notts County.....	2-MANSFIELD TOWN.....
20-COVENTRY CITY.....	9-PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....
27-Peterborough United.....	

September 27th 1986.
CHESTERFIELD 2 : WALSALL 3.
 Cherry; Oakley; Jones M; Dolan;
 Brazier; Millard; Taylor M; Train;
 Evans; Marsh; Carville; sub. Mytton.
 Scorers: Marsh 2; Evans.

October 4th 1986.
WALSALL 7: WOLVES 4.
 Cherry; Oakley; Carville; Millard;
 Brazier; Dolan; Jones R; Jones M;
 Carrick; Palgrave; Evans.
 sub. Eveson.
 Scorers: Dolan (2); Palgrave (2);
 Jones M; Carrick; Evans.
 Attendance 190.

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE
 As at October 4th 1986

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Port Vale	7	4	2	1	10	5	14
Notts Forest	7	4	0	3	17	12	12
Derby County	6	4	0	2	13	9	12
Wolves	6	4	0	2	15	12	12
WALSALL	6	3	2	1	19	12	11
Coventry City	7	3	2	2	9	8	11
Birmingham City	7	3	4	1	15	9	10
Leicester City	7	2	3	1	3	17	9
Stoke City	6	2	3	1	7	9	9
Shrewsbury Town	7	2	2	3	8	18	8
Peterborough Utd	7	2	3	2	15	20	8
Notts County	7	2	1	4	10	13	7
WBA	7	1	3	2	9	12	6
Aston Villa	6	1	3	2	8	14	6
Mansfield Town	7	1	2	4	4	6	5
Chesterfield	6	1	1	4	11	12	4

HERE NEXT

SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER 1986 · MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE
BIRMINGHAM CITY

TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER 1986 · TODAY LEAGUE DIVISION THREE
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REFLECTIONS

30 YEARS

Our lack of penetration in attack (just 17 goals in 13 games) was again apparent when we entertained Newport County on October 6th, 1956, but we did at least manage to take a point from the team fourth in Division Three (South) at the time. Young Scotsman, Clem Johnston, came in for his second league game in place of Tommy Brown, and did well, but no-one's finishing matched our approach work.

Most of the incident came after the break with Shepherd booked for a foul on Reg Davies, Harry Haddington deflecting a dangerous Newport shot for a corner and first a header from Johnston and then a defender's desperate clearance flying just over the Newport goal. The game ended goalless, however, and we now shared bottom place with Southend United, Swindon Town and Plymouth Argyle.

WALSALL. Davies; Haddington; Perkins; Rawlings; Gutteridge; Tarrent; Morris; Hodgkinson; Richards; Johnston; Leverton.

NEWPORT COUNTY. Weare; Hollyman; Sherwood; Tennant; Wilcox; Thomas; Hudson; Shepherd; Terry; Harris; Beech.

Bolton were also involved in a goalless draw between two teams in the top ten in Division One and on the same day England drew 1-1 with Ireland in Belfast with Stanley Matthews netting one of his rare goals to give them the lead and Jimmy McIlroy replying.

20 YEARS

October 8th, 1966 saw us moving closer to mid-table in Division Three with a 2-0 win over Scunthorpe United. There was drama before the start with visitors' manager Freddy Goodwin taking over as substitute after first choice inside forward Barton had been ruled out with an eye infection. Then after 35 minutes we took the lead after our liveliest forward Alan Baker had been upended in the box. Referee Keith Walker, so often the centre of controversy, for once pleased the crowd with a penalty award and Jimmy McMorran's shot eluded Ray Clemence's dive.

We made the issue safe with 12 minutes to go when Roger Smith flighted a cross perfectly for George Kirby to head home.

WALSALL. Wesson; Gregg; Evans; Sissons; Bennett; Atthey; Smith; Baker; Kirby; McMorran; Taylor.
SCUNTHORPE UNITED. Clemence; Hemstead; Taylor; Burrows; Smith; Burkinshaw; Sloan; Brown; Thomas; Ash; Colquhoun.

Attendance: 9,326.

Bolton Wanderers beat Preston North End 4-2 and stayed just ahead of Birmingham at the top of Division Two thanks largely to a Wynn Davies hat-trick. This was Wynn's second hat-trick of the season though Rodney Marsh already had three hat-tricks to his name for QPR in Division Three.



Pictured here with Mark Rees, is last Tuesday night's mascot Paul Hawkins.

10 YEARS

We picked up a useful point from a 1-1 draw at Portsmouth on October 9th, 1976 in a game between two clubs in the lower half of Division Three. This was a great relief after crashing 7-0 at Brighton a few days earlier and the return of Dave Serella to the defence seemed to make all the difference. In fact we took the lead early in the second half when Miah Dennehy's cross was headed past goalkeeper Figgins by Bernie Wright and Alan Buckley followed up to score his eighth goal of the season. Just as we seemed set for a win, however, Steve Piper netted from a late penalty.

PORTSMOUTH. Figgins; Piper; Viney; Roberts; Ellis; Cahill; Pollock; Denyer; Kamara; Wilson; Mellows.

WALSALL. Kearns; Hynd; Harrison; Robinson; Serella;

Atthey; Dennehy; Evans; Wright; Buckley; Caswell.

Attendance: 7,779.

Bolton Wanderers meanwhile slipped to ninth in Division Two after a 3-2 defeat at Cardiff City with Paul Jones (penalty) and Gordon Taylor on the mark, but there were few games played in the top two divisions because of preparations for England's game with Finland on the following Wednesday when over 92,000 saw them scramble to a 2-1 win.

Geoff Allman.

POOLS NEWS

● It is with much sadness that we have to record the death of one of our longest serving agents, Mr.G.Watts of Grange Street, Walsall, who passed away recently. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

● Everyone who purchases a South Staffs Pools Lottery ticket today and also at Tuesday night's home game with Rotherham United will be issued with a **FREE DRAW TICKET** This ticket will entitle you to take part in the half-time draw for a **PORTABLE COLOUR TV** to take place on Saturday October 25th at the game against Brentford. You will only be able to collect your prize if you are actually at that game against Brentford otherwise it will be redrawn until someone does claim the prize.

● Agents should now be receiving their invitations to the Christmas Dance and Buffett in the Saddlers Club on Tuesday December 9th, 8pm - 11.30pm. If you haven't received your invitation yet, pop along to the Pools Office to collect it.

● Agents are of course required in all areas, commission plus bonus, just selling a few tickets each week to family and friends helps the club. Pop along to the Pools Office, or give us a ring on Walsall 30696, we'll only be too happy to have you on our team.

Bill Lloyd - South Staffs Pools.

THE TODAY LEAGUE

So the Football League is now to be known as **The Today League Championship**, the most valued club competition in the world has again obtained a sponsor.

The League President, Philip Carter together with News (UK) Limited's Managing Director, Terry Cassidy, last Thursday jointly announced that multi-million pound sponsorship agreement with the **Today newspaper**.

While **Today**, will reap major promotional benefits from the sponsorship it will be equally beneficial to football, and Mr Cassidy stated such when he said "We aim to be a very active sponsor. In addition to our sponsorship payments to the League, we shall be launching exciting promotional and advertising programmes which we are convinced will be of major support and assistance to League Football. We are delighted that through the sponsorship we have the opportunity of joining with the League, its clubs and the sport's millions of loyal supporters in keeping football at the top of the British sporting calendar".

"We feel that the time is right to stand up and support the national game." Said Mr Carter, All 92 League clubs will benefit financially from the sponsorship through facility payments. the most successful clubs will also be rewarded through a £100,000 prize fund."

Mr Cater, while greatly valuing the financial advantages, laid equal stress on other factors: "The Today League is a major psychological boost for everyone committed to the future of the sport. Over 95% of the clubs enjoy the support of club sponsors.

"We already have highly valued League sponsors in Littlewoods and Freight Rover. The announcement by Today completes the picture and comprehensively confirms football's major appeal to the business community."

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Division One - £50,000.

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Division Four - £12,500.

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RAY TRAIN
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